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Washington, D.C. ... capital of an empire. Powerful. Exhilarating. Corrupt. And in the shadows ... vampires far older than the nation itself.

A power unto himself, Duncan has served at Raphael's side for a hundred and fifty years. But long laid plans have finally borne fruit, and the time has come for Duncan to leave Raphael and tackle the greatest challenge of his life. He will face treacherous vampires and murderous humans. He will rock the halls of human power if necessary. But Washington, D.C. will be his.

Emma Duquet cares nothing for vampire politics. She just wants to find her missing roommate and best friend, Lacey. But Lacey's been playing with vampires of a particularly dangerous kind, and Emma will have to deal with the new vampire in town if she's going to find her friend.

Battling powerful enemies who will stop at nothing to keep their secrets, Duncan and Emma will dig beneath the corruption and depravity that is Washington, D.C. and uncover the most heinous conspiracy of all...

## Duncan Details

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## From Reader Review Duncan for online ebook

### Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says

\*3.5 stars\*

I'm mildly disappointed by this book but I think that has largely to do with the fact that Duncan has been a favorite of mine *forever* and so this book was hyped to the nth in my head.

Duncan was his usually sexy, charming self but I thought that Emma was only so-so. She wasn't nearly as engaging as Cyn and I found her to be a bit TSTL. I almost put the book down when I read that she has "violet eyes" (<--- never again do I want to read that!) but I'm glad I continued. Though I didn't feel the love between Emma and Duncan, the bad ass vampires and tight writing made up for it.

I think that Duncan could have used a more formidable opponent, but I enjoyed how the mystery played out. It kept me guessing and had a few unforeseen twists and turns.

All in all, another well done book by one of the most underrated paranormal authors, the fabulous D.B. Reynolds.

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### Duchess Nicole says

4.5 stars

Duncan is such a great character. I had felt attached to him after reading Raphael's books, and even during Sophia's, when he just seemed like such a rock solid guy. Yet he was always in the background, upstanding citizen of Raphael city that he was. Now he gets the focus, and I'm so glad that he did!

I love the way that Emma thinks of him when they first meet:

"Duncan laughed softly, his warm brown eyes dancing. He sure didn't look like a vampire. Miguel she could buy. He'd growled for God's sake. Duncan looked like a blue blood Harvard business graduate with an expensive tailor and enough rebellion in his soul to let his hair grow long."

Ha! That's exactly how he is! There's this calm, controlled man on the outside, very charismatic and seemingly at ease. But behind that stoic demeanor is a very (very!) passionate man. Up to now, Ms. Reynolds has kept her stories mostly to the action of the plot, with a couple of smokin' love scenes thrown in for those interested. And Duncan, of all people, breaks out of that box and shows Emma that yes, he IS a fantastic lover, he just saved the savagery for her. He seems to like walls, too. Emma was great, a perfect match for Duncan. She seems very sweet, almost timid. But she sure can be stubborn, and knows when to put her foot down. The relationship between these two felt very natural, with little to no angst. It was slow and easy, then quickly solidified into something that just felt lasting. They fit perfectly.

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## Cynthia says

Reviewed at Bitten By Paranormal Romance

Duncan, the one I have been waiting for since his entrance as Raphael's protector. His quiet constancy and absolute strength throughout the Vampires in America series has only whetted my appetite for this Vampire. Ms. Reynolds has delivered a triumph with **DUNCAN**.

As with her other novels, Ms. Reynolds uses flashback and we are graced with not only the beginning of an eternal friendship, but that of Duncan's loss and rebirth. However, this novel is not as gritty, violent or bloody as the previous ones. What you will find is an underbelly of deceit and corruption in the halls of Washington D.C. The subject matter of nonconsensual sex is handled very well and given kid-glove treatment.

Raphael has finally met his match in Duncan. No, Raphael hasn't been usurped – as these two vampires vary so greatly in their display of powers. Duncan is the epitome of the Southern "Vampire" Gentleman. He holds his power close to himself, only showing any type of display when absolutely necessary. And then, "Katy bar the doors!" This Southern "Vamp" Gentleman also knows how to treat a Lady. \*wink wink\*

Without giving too much away, there is one part where:

Duncan looked over Alaric's shoulder, his gaze finding Emma in the deep shadows beneath a drooping tree on the other side of the yard. She stood motionless, staring at him, her hands clasped against her mouth. He slapped Alaric's shoulder and stepped aside, starting toward her. She watched him come, her violet eyes dark, a suspicious sheen telling him she'd been crying. Her heartbeat raced faster with every step he took. When he drew close enough, her hands fell away from her face as she ran forward, his name on her lips as she threw herself in his arms.

"Duncan," she cried, then sucked back a sobbing breath.

"Emmaline," he whispered against her ear, burying his face in the warm silk of her hair, filling his arms with her softness and drowning himself in the scent and touch of her.

This, My Dear Friends, is why I read romance.

But, no, Ms. Reynolds isn't content to stop there. She has to throw one helluva wrench into the story and WTH!!! I was blindsided by this one. Bravo – Well Done!

As an added bonus, we get more lusciousness in the forms of Miguel, Baldwin, Lucas, Louis. GAH – She is such a tease!

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## Dina says

Duncan isn't Raphael and Emma isn't Cyn, but they're okay. I miss Raphael and Cyn!

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## valee says

**I was SO sure I would never be able to love this book as much as I did the ones about Raphael and Cyn... Well I'm glad to say I was wrong.** If I didn't like it a bit more I liked it just as much, probably because I've been waiting for Duncan's book since I began reading the series. Duncan was a character that completely captivated me. You just can easily see the leader in him on the first books, it's impossible not to notice how he will be discovering and making a path of his own very soon. And he really did it, and in such a compelling and beautiful way... I was fascinated with every page of this book.

### DUNCAN:

Oh, Duncan, how much I adored you. What's not to love? He's an alpha to the core and isn't afraid to show it. Nobody messes with Duncan, Nobody. He knows what he wants and he just won't stop until he gets it. I guess I was really absorbed with this read because it was an admirable thing to see how this fine character started his own reign from scratch, and not only that but he also had to make some amends after the terrible things the previous Lord did.

### The plot:

I've been hopelessly in love with the different plots from all the books of this series, but I think this one was my favorite. Not only do we have this alluring and compelling vampires who aren't afraid of showing their power or doing what they have to do in order to achieve their goals, but we have now some politics thrown to the mix. Washington DC is not a land which will allow the vampires to remain hidden, politicians will want to meet and get to know them better. Do you know what was best about this all? That Duncan and his people still managed to do whatever they wanted and to hell with consequences. Nothing better than to see people taking justice into their own hands, specially when some corruption is involved, and more than anything if that corruption happens to come from the people you should be admiring and following.

I really like this series and can't wait to read more about the Lords.

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## Jilly says

It's a funny theme in these books that the human woman is all "plucky" and demands to go with the gang of vampires into extremely dangerous situations to "help". Yes, these vampires are practically indestructible, move so fast that a human can't track them, are stronger than Superman on steroids, and have been around fighting since the days when they literally fought lions... but a 20-something chick who has shot a gun at target-practice is totally needed when the going gets tough.

*makes this much sense*

If it were me, I'd be like,

*"Okay, babe. You go do your vampire revenge thing... Yeah, yeah, kill everyone.... bathe in the blood of your*

*enemies... much too dangerous for a woman. I agree! I get it. Less talky-talky, more killy-killy...Have fun, now! Don't let the door hit you in the ass on your way out."*

And then take a nice hot bath and read for a while.

So, this book was pretty good, and I liked both characters. The only thing that was missing was some actual chemistry between them. I felt no heat at all. Yes, there were tons of sex- scenes. Enough to make me start skimming them, but there was no build-up. Just insta-lust to insta-love.

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### **Wendy says**

Fantastic! I really enjoyed seeing a multi-faceted side to Duncan. His power, personality, and his life story. Absolutely loved it!

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### **Snow says**

**4 solid vampire-ishly sexy stars**

**I really like these series...**

**like, no shit Snow, who could tell, huh?**

Anyway, **Duncan** (Raphael's longtime lieutenant) is being appointed as a new "ambassador" of Washington D.C. but before he takes over that duty he need to "clean" the twisted mess that his previously appointed vamp Lord made, including him. Dealing with the sex tapes of twisted orgies involving the high ranking politicians, Duncan accepts the pleas for help from a young spunky and stubbornly determined woman **Emma Duquet** to find her friend who was a part of the orgies and vamps parties that ended up badly. Finding the murderer is not going to be easy for Duncan cause Emma is not the one who'll easily stay away from her own mission to resolve the same issue. Sparks fly as they work together in joined forces to bring the wrongful ones to justice - vampire justice.

what's there not to like - **alpha male vamp and a spunky, sassy southern mischief of a woman**  
**there are so many things that go wrong and trouble with a capital T is lingering around them but**  
**somehow every wrong ends up being right. :)**

**and the sex is great...well, so I've read...**

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### **Sunny says**

Every time I read a book from this series, I always ask myself, "Why in the world did I wait so long to read

the next book?" *Duncan* reminds me why I love this series so much. D. B. Reynolds' writing is so vivid. The world of vampires and men seem present and real as today's paper. Putting a vampire lord in the seat of America's political power is smart and necessary. But this book is about how vampires deal with their own power struggles. Well, that is not exactly true. This book is about the relationship between Emma and Duncan. I never thought that any couple could come close to Cyn and Raphael in intensity, but these two are close. Their interaction is like a rocket going off. The sizzle comes off the page. Hopefully, it will not take me as long to get to LUCAS, the next book in the series. In fact, I'm due for a binge read. Maybe I will start now.

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## ? Irena ? says

3.5

Duncan takes over another lord's territory and discovers all the despicable things that vampire lord had done. Combine a very sick vampire lord with powerful and rich politicians and you'll get the picture.

I loved Duncan when he was Raphael's right hand. The problem in this book is that he is way too powerful for the things he is facing here. He is too powerful for anything the author throws at him. He is still great, but when he beats everything and everyone with almost a flick of his finger then the story loses a lot. Even Emma is too strong for the things she faced. It is the greatest weakness of this story. They definitely needed a stronger enemy.

We do get to hear Duncan's story though; how he became a vampire.

I wasn't much interested in Sophia's story in *Sophia*, so I wasn't too upset when Raphael and Cyn took over almost the whole story. Here, there are only Duncan and Emma, not enough of Duncan's past and one very lame lame antagonist. Even the surprise near the end wasn't really a surprise.

The world is still interesting and great with vampires slowly emerging from the shadows, where some know about them, but a lot still don't.

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## Karla says

5 Huge Stars. Excellent!!! Start to finish...it was perfect, just like Duncan!! \*swoon\* This series is still going strong and this book might be the best one yet. Duncan has found the ideal match in the snarky, determined Emma. She has so many Cyn traits, but she's still her own person, tough, yet mischievous. I enjoyed the playful banter between Duncan and Emma. He really lets his guard down with her, and his desire for Emma is undeniable. He's so passionate and possessive...WOW, just WOW!! I knew Duncan was going to be good, but he was even better than I expected, and he burned up the pages with her!! The first half he was a "clit tease" \*snort\*, Emma's words not mine; the second half he was all action...again and again and again.

"Duncan didn't think he could move. A hundred and fifty years of making love to some of the most beautiful women in the world, and for the first time he actually felt drained".

An exhausted vampire...now that's HOT!

Along with all that hotness is a great story, interesting secondary characters, and a little bit of Cyn and Raphael. I would have liked more, but this was Duncan's book, he deserved to be featured, and the author did him justice. Duncan and Emma's story wrapped up nicely, but I have no doubt that they will be a part of the continuing saga, which is so appealing for me. I love catching up with my favorite characters.

We also got a peek at the next vampire lord, Lucas Donlan and I like what I see, or rather what I read. He likes to annoy Raphael, in a smart-ass way, and he's Duncan's friend, sounds good to me. Great writing, terrific dialogue, this series is one of the best in this genre and I can't recommend it enough!

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### **Sandra ~ ♥ Cross My Heart ♥ says**

4.5 Stars - Great addition to the Vampires In America series. Raphael gives Duncan his blessing to move on and take control of his own territory and thus, we now meet Lord Duncan. He's walked into a hornets' nest of crime and corruption in our nation's capitol, and it's now Lord Duncan's duty to clean it up. Who can he trust to pledge allegiance? While trying to sort things out, Duncan meets Emma as she is searching for her best friend after she didn't return home from a big weekend party where it was rumored that senators, congressmen, and even "higher ups" were doing depraved things. What is going on at these parties? Emma is determined to find her friend. Duncan vows to help her because he knows the odds of finding her friend alive are slim to none. He will be there to protect & console Emma when she needs it...hmmm...and isn't that strange? It seems our Duncan is falling fast for this little human who refuses to take orders from him.

The chemistry is off the charts in Duncan. The heat licking at these two characters is burning hot - and like like a wildfire - out of control. You will enjoy the journey as these two dance around each other, learn about each other, and open their hearts to see if there's a chance they "fit" within each other's world. Sizzlin, Smokin', Explosive Read! A Must Read! One of my favorites!

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### **Kara-karina says**

**4.5/5**

The tragic thing about this wonderful series is that the atrocious covers are killing it. How many of you will look at this book and no matter how much I'll plead with you to try the series you'll not touch it with a ten foot pole?

Yeah, that's what I thought.

You know I rarely read paranormal romance, but this is creme de la creme of it. There is no woe is me and she is my mate and let's be Neanderthal. Instead there are clever, cunning and strong men and women caught in a power play akin to mafia wars and making the best of it.

The only difference is? Some of them have fangs.

In this book Raphael (my favourite vampire!) makes another move by sending his Second, Duncan, to grab



hold of a weak Washington, D.C. territory. The move is successful, but now Duncan has to sort out the horrendous mess his predecessor left behind, including Emma's missing friend and roommate.

Duncan, as a proper Southern gentleman takes Emma under his wing without coddling her, and allows her to help any way she can, because he knows that it will make her feel better to be in control of something.

Their chemistry is undeniable, and without pompous declarations of undying love they slip into an easy friendship and some fun in bed, which turns into something more and more serious the more dangerous their investigation becomes.

The thing that I like most about D.B.'s books is that all relationships are about partnership, there is equality and respect. Strong sides of character, intellect and experience are not only admired but UTILISED not to prove something, but because it's a natural and logical thing to do.

For me, these books are level-headed and refreshing, passionate and humorous without excessive testosterone and drama. Duncan is no exception and for that I'm extremely grateful.

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## **Jo ★The Book Sloth★ says**

Hm...I think I'm too bored to write a full review so I'll try to be fast.

### **My Duncan...**

I decided Duncan is a younger Brad Pitt, and then I found a picture of Brad Pitt from Troy because let's admit it, he was at his hottest moments in this movie! (Not to mention that he wasn't the only drool worthy male character in the film.)

Meh...Got off track. So, Duncan was, as always, delicious. In this book we see him without the shadow of Raphael's awesomeness over him and boy does he shine. Although I usually go for the "tall, dark, mysterious" type, I have to admit that Duncan did for me from day one. A born and bred Southern Boy he could kill you with his kindness and patience until the moment he decided to kill you literally. Powerful, loyal and cunning he will steal our heroine's heart in ten seconds flat.

### **My Emmaline...**

After giving a lot of thought I decided Olivia Wilde will do as Emma. Emma is my kind of heroine, stubborn, independent, smart and a badass if the situation demands it. She isn't the "martial arts" kind of heroine or the "I will kick your ass with my eyes closed", she is however a strong woman with good survival instincts and can shoot a gun if the situation demands it from her. She is after Cyn my favorite female so far in this series!

About the story...It was good although I felt some things were left unfinished but not enough to make a bad

impression.

I love Miquel and Louis from the beginning and Baldwin later on.

I hated that bitch Phoebe from her first appearance.

And I can tell from now that I will like Lucas.

\*I feel like I should have added "stop" at the end of each sentence there at the end!:p\*

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## **Aly is so frigging bored says**

Duncan

Emma

Maru: And we're back!! Yes, we know you've missed our joint reviews so we've decided to grant you another one. Aly, are you read to rock the review world?

Aly: As ready as I can be :D

Maru: So we've finished Vamps in America #5, Duncan

Aly: How would you describe your feelings for it?

Maru: Totally awesome, I can't believe all the bad boy attitude Duncan had! By the end of the book, I was like...I want one like him! What about you Aly?

Aly: :)) you weren't the only one! I didn't expect him to be so... cool!

Maru: Yeah me either! I think it's one of my fave books of the series

Aly: He seemed so standoffish when he worked for Raphael that I was skeptical about his book.

Maru: Totally agreed! I thought he was going to be super cynical and cold towards his heroine, but NO, I couldn't have been more wrong! Any fave scenes?

Aly: Hmm... Maybe the one after the fire, it was sweet and hot and... loving I think.

Maru: Yes!! I absolutely agree!!! I loved that scene

Aly: Since the ones before it were so adrenalin filled this one was a good way to decompress

Maru: Anything you didn't like?

Aly: I can't say there was... Just that Emma's friend really was gone. How about you?

Maru: I would say Emma's friend being gone too, it was sad. I liked the storyline with all the lies and deceptions of the political world

Aly: How about the villain. Did you expect it to be that one? I didn't

Maru: Not at all!! I was surprised!!! And I love when that happens! Don't you love it when you're surprised by the author?

Aly: Me too! I didn't like that character in the book, but didn't expect it to turn out like that. If it's a good surprise yes :) Otherwise.... ;;)

Maru: Yeah agreed! LOL Like terrible cliffhangers and having to wait a year to read the sequel...love those not. Sooo back to the story...did you like Duncan as the hero of the book?

Aly: I did! I loved his possessive, you-are-mine side. Didn't think he had it in him :))

Maru: Me too!! Chica, it's like you're reading my mind!

Aly: And I didn't expect his power to be that... It was a cool turn. You do the same to me sometimes, so we're

cool :P

Maru: Anything else you want to discuss?

Aly: I think we touched everything... Rating?

Maru: 4.5?

Aly: Yep.

Maru: Awesome! Ok, peeps that's all for now! We'll be back shortly!! Try not to miss us a lot.

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